SUBJECT No. 112.

Earthwork to tanks.

Mr. S. Hanumantha Rao, Devanhalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present system of getting the earthwork, etc., to tanks, both major and minor, done by the raiyats of the villages concerned entails trouble and has brought the tanks, in many cases, to dilapidated condition. Prays therefore that this system be abolished, the concessions now given to the raiyats for the maintenance of tanks withheld, and the earthwork undertaken by Government itself.

Reply of Government.—The raiyats must continue liable for the maintenance unless they agree to pay a cess to cover the cost of such repairs.

SUBJECT No. 113.

Definite policy for the maintenance of minor tanks.

Messrs. H. V. Rangasami, Hassan taluk, and S. Ramanna, Hassan Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—In consideration of the fact that the minor tanks are an asset to the State to an extent of about 6 crores of rupees and that the average annual expenditure on the tanks is only about Rs. 60,000 out of which more than 50 per cent is being spent on supervision alone, it is prayed that the Government do adopt some definite policy in maintaining the said tanks in an efficient condition and thus assure the land owners of their means of subsistence. As a first step, lists should be prepared of all tanks both major and minor requiring restoration. A definite sum should be allotted to each district and the amount divided between the 2 classes of tanks until all the tanks are restored. A committee of raiyats paying more than Rs. 200 as assessment should be appointed in each district and they should be consulted and a programme of works prepared. The work requires much technical skill and so an Irrigation department may be organized so that the work may be properly done.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 114.

Repairs to major tanks.

Messrs. B. Ramanna and Venkatasubbiah, Krishnarajpete taluk.

Summary of discussion.—At present even the slightest repairs to major tanks have to be executed by the Public Works Department on a reference by the Revenue Department. This leads to delay. It is therefore prayed that the Deputy Commissioners be authorised to get petty repairs to major tanks done as in the case of civil buildings.

Reply of Government.—Not possible.

SUBJECT No. 115.

Maintenance of restored tanks.

(*a*) Messrs. Patre Veerappa and Kharidi Lingappa, Kadur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Under the standing orders the landholders under the restored major and minor tanks and channels are to carry out the necessary earthwork to them, even though both wet assessment and irrigation cess are levied on the lands. Pray that the earthwork may be got executed from the irrigation cess fund.

(*b*) Messrs. B. Ramanna and Venkatasubbaiya, Krishnarajpete taluk.

(*b*) The annual maintenance work of restored tanks may be done by Government, the cost being recovered from the raiyats concerned in the shape of a cess.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) Cannot be done.